

IN THE CLAIMS

Starting on a new page commencing after page 28 of the specification, please add and amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Original): A surface modified inorganic oxide powder, wherein the amount of residual volatile organic components is less than 30 ppm.

Claim 2 (Original): The surface modified inorganic oxide powder according to Claim 1, wherein the amount of the residual volatile organic components is reduced to less than 30 ppm by heat treatment after the surface modification at a temperature of from higher than the volatilization temperature of the organic volatile components to lower than the decomposition temperature of a treating agent for surface modifying.

Claim 3 (Original): The surface modified inorganic oxide powder according to Claim 2, wherein the volatile components on the powder surface are removed by the heat treatment at from higher than 200 degree C to lower than 400 degree C at the time of a surface treatment and the further heat treatment at from higher than 150 degree C to lower than 400 degree C.

Claim 4 (Original): A surface modified inorganic oxide powder, wherein the amount of the residual volatile organic components is reduced to less than 30 ppm by the surface treatment with the use of a treating agent obtained by dissolving a long-chain alkylsilane together with a catalyst.

Claim 5 (Original): The surface modified inorganic oxide powder according to Claim 4, wherein the surface treatment is carried out with the use of a diluted treating agent in which the long chain alkylsilane having more than 16 carbon atoms is dissolved together with an amine catalyst.

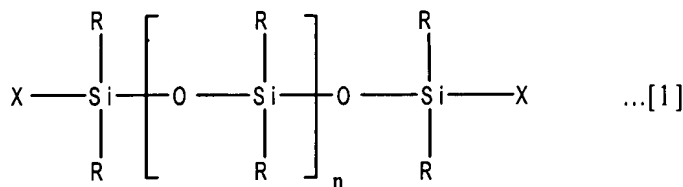
Claim 6 (Original): The surface modified inorganic oxide powder according to Claim 5, wherein the surface treatment is carried out with the use of the treating agent obtained by diluting the long-chain alkylsilane from 2 to 6 times.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The surface modified inorganic oxide powder according to Claim 4, ~~Claim 5, or Claim 6~~, wherein the surface treatment is carried out by existing the treating agent on the surface of the inorganic oxide powder and heating at higher than 200 degree C.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The surface modified inorganic oxide powder according to ~~any one of from Claim 1 to Claim 7~~, wherein the amount of the residual volatile organic components is less than 10 ppm.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The surface modified inorganic oxide powder according to ~~any one of from Claim 1 to Claim 8~~, wherein the inorganic oxide powder is silica, titania, alumina, or composite oxide particles comprising one or more these oxides.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The surface modified inorganic oxide powder according to ~~any one of from~~ Claim 1 to ~~Claim 9~~, wherein the surface treatment is carried out with the use of at least one alkylsilane represented by the following formula [1], [2], [3], or [4][.]:



~~Where~~ wherein R represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group which may be optionally substituted partially by a vinyl group, a phenyl group, a polyether group, a epoxy group or an amino group[.], R bonding to each Si may be the same or different[.], X represents the R, a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, or a hydrolysable alkoxy group, n represents an integer of 15 to 500[.]



~~Where~~ wherein, R represents an alkyl group, and X represents a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, or an alkoxy group[.], wherein R¹, R², and R³ in formula [3] and [4] may be the same or different[.], and wherein ~~At~~ at least one of them has more than 6 carbons preferably.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A polar resin composite obtained by mixing a urethane resin, an epoxy resin, an acrylic resin, an unsaturated polyester resin, a vinyl ester resin, or a silicone modified resin with the surface modified inorganic

oxide powder according to ~~any one of Claim 1 to Claim 10, where~~ wherein the content of the modified powder is less than 50% by weight.

Claim 12 (Original): The polar resin composite according to Claim 11, wherein the composite is used as an adhesive or a sealant.